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Testimony for Senate Bill 94 Motor Vehicle Registration - Exception for Golf Carts - Hoopers Island January 15, 2020

Chairman \$

Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 94: Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts - Hoopers Island. This proposed legislation would authorize an individual to operate a golf cart on local highways on Upper and Middle Hoopers Island. As a request from the Dorchester County Council this legislation will further promote tourism and accessibility throughout Hoopers Island.

The legislation is similar to legislation passed in 2018, which created an exception for golf carts in the Town of Vienna. This bill will help maintain rural landscapes and natural resources, while also giving residents and tourists another method of transportation on the island. Furthermore, this legislation encourages tourism and economic development in Dorchester County.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 94. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Senator Addie Eckardt

